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VIBRATING PLATE FOR ELECTRICITY-
SOUND TRANSFORMER AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
ELECTRICITY-SOUND TRANSFORMER
AND EQUIPMENT USING THE SAME
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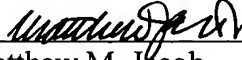
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